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Sir :

In response to the Final Official Action of August 18, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 18, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.